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Huy Dang  
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Dear Huy Dang:

Thank you for your correspondence about M-517 which would recommend changes to Question Period. As Minister of State for Democratic Reform, I appreciate hearing the views of Canadians as our Government moves forward on its commitments to reform Canada's democratic institutions.

All Members of Parliament are entitled to propose Private Members' Bills and Motions that are distinct from the Government's legislative agenda. By tradition, these bills and motions are free votes in the House. This means that each Member votes based on his or her conscience. The passage of M-517 would not effect changes to Question Period; however, it would ask the Standing Committee on Procedure and House Affairs to recommend changes to Question Period.

I am pleased to hear that you enjoy the daily Question Period. If you are interested in learning more about our Government's democratic reform agenda, I would encourage you to visit [www.democraticreform.gc.ca](http://www.democraticreform.gc.ca) for further information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Steven Fletcher".

Honourable Steven Fletcher, P.C., M.P.

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